Samuel Okonkwo

Family Nurse Practitioner, MSN, FNP-BC · Primary and Urgent Care

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SUMMARY

Board-certified family nurse practitioner with 5 years as a provider in primary and urgent care, after 6 years as an emergency department RN. Manages a panel of about 1,300 at a Tucson community health center, most covered by AHCCCS, with a focus on diabetes and hypertension control.

EXPERIENCE

Family Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care · Desert Valley Community Health Center — Apr 2023 – Present
Tucson, AZ

- Saw 18 to 22 patients a day, ages 2 to 88, on a panel of about 1,300; roughly 60% covered by AHCCCS.
- Raised the share of my diabetic patients with A1c under 8% from 58% to 71% in 18 months using point-of-care A1c and GLP-1 and SGLT2 titration.
- Managed 34 patients on buprenorphine or chronic opioids, checking the Arizona CSPMP before each prescription.
- Sent FIT kits home from eligible visits, raising my panel's UDS colorectal screening rate from 41% to 54%.
- Precepted one FNP student each semester from the University of Arizona College of Nursing.

Family Nurse Practitioner · Saguaro Urgent Care — Sep 2021 – Mar 2023
Tucson, AZ

- Treated 30 to 40 walk-in patients per 12-hour shift as the only provider on weekends.
- Performed laceration repairs, abscess I&Ds, splinting and nail removals, with preliminary X-ray reads.
- Wrote the clinic's strep and UTI protocols from IDSA guidance; audited antibiotic use for viral URIs quarterly.

Emergency Department Registered Nurse · Banner University Medical Center Tucson — Jul 2015 – Aug 2021
Tucson, AZ

- Staffed a Level I trauma ED, carrying 4 to 5 patients and triaging with ESI; night charge nurse from 2019.

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), Family Nurse Practitioner · Northern Arizona University — May 2021

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) · Arizona State University, Edson College of Nursing — May 2015

SKILLS

Clinical: Chronic disease management (diabetes, hypertension, COPD), Differential diagnosis, Well-child and sports physicals, Contraception and women's health, Buprenorphine treatment for OUD, Minor procedures (laceration repair, I&D)

Systems: NextGen EHR, Epic, EPCS, Arizona CSPMP, Telehealth visits

Quality: UDS clinical measures, Care gap closure, Antibiotic stewardship

CERTIFICATIONS

FNP-BC, American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) · APRN License (Family Nurse Practitioner), Arizona State Board of Nursing, with prescribing authority · RN License, Arizona (multistate) · DEA Registration, Schedules II to V · BLS and ACLS, American Heart Association